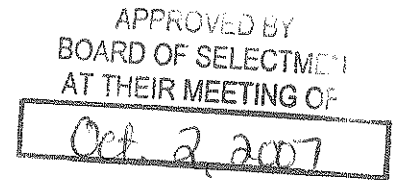




TOWN OF WENHAM

WENHAM BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Meeting of Tuesday, September 25, 2007
Senior Center, School Street ~ 6 PM



Present: Wenham Selectmen John Clemenzi, Chair; Larry Swartz; Peter Hersee
Also Present: Jeff Chelgren, Town Administrator; Pierre Erhard, Tree Warden; Traffic Light
Committee members Tom Tanous, and Gerry Donnellan; Catherine Tinsley, Secretary

Public Information:
Agenda

Abbreviations:
BOS – Board of Selectmen
TA – Town Administrator

Public Shade Tree Hearing

Mr. Erhard read the public notice.

Mr. Erhard opened the public hearing to review the plans to remove three trees within the Topsfield Road right of way and identified them as Locust 16" located at the intersection of Maple Street and Rt. 97; Red Maple 18" located at the intersection of Eaton Road and Rt. 97; Oak 36" located at the intersection of Eaton Road and Rt. 97.

It was noted that the trees are being removed according to the Route 97 Traffic Light installation plan. Discussion followed. It was identified that an Engineer can alter this plan and the Tree Warden was in favor of not taking any trees down if possible, especially the Locust Tree.
Mr. Erhard requested to talk with the Engineer.

The Tree Warden stated that he has not received any public comments or opposition and therefore agreed to the so called Shade Tree Plan.

6:28 pm the Hearing was closed.

6:30 PM – Mr. Clemenzi called the meeting to order.
Also Present: Sarah Johnson, Town Finance Director

FY09 Budget Process
Capital Plan
Budget Assumptions

Ms. Johnson reviewed Five Year Financial Forecast – Summary dated 9/25/07 and the assumptions with the BOS and identified that the historical five year trend was determined prior to the Budget Assumptions being created.
She went on to speak with the Selectmen about the details of the FY 09 budget process, Free Cash, Cherry Sheet, and Reserve Fund.
Discussion of understanding followed and changes were recommended by the BOS.
The Finance Committee will review this information at their October 3, 2007 meeting.
Long Range Financial Plan was reviewed as associated with the Summary.

The Department Heads have returned their Capital Plans (FY09) to the Accountant who has compiled a spread sheet for the Selectmen's review.

Boulder Lane Development – Continued Discussion

Mr. Clemenzi stated that he organized an informal business meeting Friday, September 28, 2007 to see if the political will is behind the proposed development plan; Beverly's Mayor Scanlon, the landowners, developers will all participate in this preliminary discussion. Mr. Chelgren will also attend.

The BOS reviewed a Draft Task Time Line for October / November. Mr. Chelgren noted that this is a live document and the dates will continually change.

The Selectmen talked about some of their concerns regarding the development of Boulder Lane land. It was a priority of the Selectmen that public forums be scheduled within the next few weeks to initiate input about potential Boulder Lane Development.

The abutters will be specifically notified of the meeting, including Gordon College.

It was noted that Gordon College is planning on appointing a Boulder Lane liaison to the town. Internal Town Boards, Committees will also be notified.

Tuesday, October 9, 2007 will be posted for a forum. The Boulder Land Study Committee will be asked to make a presentation to start the meeting.

7:39pm – Mr. Hersee made a motion to adjourn and it was unanimous to do so.